

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : West Hope
: Wards Cross, Reading, Berks
: RG10 0DS
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COMMENTS:

With reference to the above unwanted application I would strongly recommend that the applicant's and Planning Authority read and try to understand what the previous Inspector Mr David Wildsmith wrote in his rejection No. APP/ X0360/W/22/3309202 in his rejection and try to understand his plain English reasoning.

I am a grandmother to 4 grandchildren who all live in this area, there are 2 little ones and 2 of school age. All the parents work, thus it falls on the grandparents to do school runs, weekend football, other after hours schools activities.

Thus with the appalling so called "reliable public transport" in this area private cars are essential.

To put this into a bit more context, there are only 1 play school and 1 primary school in Hurst, nothing else. It is the Law that when children reach school age they actually attend school, it is not an option(much as 1 of my grandsons would wish). Now it has obviously passed by the Applicants that to reach the other schools, of which there are half a dozen spread around this area and goodness knows how many play schools, that their suggestion of a subscription mini bus service is quite out of the question. Which school is going to get the first service and which the last, has any of these supposedly highly qualified comics tried to get from Hurst to Wargrave Piggot and then back to Emmbrook in Wokingham twice a day? Give it a try and let us all know the answer.

I presume that all of these highly qualified planners do not have children of their own or bundle them off to boarding school and thus wipe their hands of the problem.

Continuing on the practical side of living in Hurst, which has nothing to sustain it, to dump 99 households in the middle of the village,

thereby increasing the population from around 2000 to 2500 would be a social nightmare , especially for WBC and its social services. The reason? Simple, in Hurst your on your own ,if you do not have family living nearby you will have problems. If you try to shoehorn another 500 souls into this village who just intend to use Hurst as a

dormitory village and neither have family or friends nearby you will become a burden on the local residents and WBC in particular. They can't cope with anything now, they don't need another 500 to add to their problems.

The subscription mini bus service and I battery car, what a ridiculous suggestion. It is the responsibility of WBC and the local bus company to provide adequate public transport , now, as we all know WBC have

yet to provide anything of the sort and remember there is nothing on a Sunday, so what hope is there if any improvement, especially twice a day to get school kids to half a dozen scattered schools and back? The square root of nothing springs to mind. Furthermore, who in their right mind would contribute to the enormous projected costs of this

service. Presumably it would require a public service vehicle with a suitably qualified driver, who would have duty hours to comply with

the law. The very idea of a electric car being provided, how long efore that is driven off never to be seen again. Get real and provide something realistic.

Another 500 people, we are going to need a Police Station and full time Coppers who will be resident and not as in Twyford where they may be available one afternoon a week to "discuss issues". No mention of that is there?

The Twyford Surgery already have 22000 on their books, they don't need another 500. It is impossible to get to see a Dr now, bit then I suppose the Applicants are all private so such things don't bother them.

These are my views on some of the practical difficulties of living in

Hurst.

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